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## Y. W. A BIG SUCCESS!

Girls! Are you one of the 125? Is your name some where in the lists of charter members of the Y. W. C. A.? Do you take a particular pride in the places you write your name? Of course you do. Every girl does.

If some one should come to the High School to look up your record—say for business reference—wouldn't it look fine to see your name there in the Y. W. lists?

Then just for personal satisfaction, you're glad you belong to an association whose ideals are high, whose aim is democracy and friendship. Then too, there's just a little feeling that your life is bigger and better, for you can't sign your name to the Y. W. and still live for yourself. No! that's too easy, you're going to live just a little more for some one else now.

Monday, October 22, at 3:30 the girls who had signed up as members of the Y. W. C. A. met and elected the following officers:

President ..... Ina Reins  
Vice-Pres. .... Sara Brown  
Secretary ..... Harriett Tilden

After the meeting the girls had a play hour in the "gym" and they sure had a "wheel" of a time, as one of the "preps" declared.

The big convention is to be held Nov. 23-24. There will be at least one hundred and fifty girls here to represent different parts of the state. Every member of the Y. W. must help entertain.

## REAL PATRIOTS.

The Boy Scouts of Ames are surely living up to their motto, "Be Prepared." When Uncle Sam called for the 2nd Liberty Loan, the Scouts were on the job and in picking up the odds and ends left by the city canvassers secured \$3,700. Alfred Carlton earned a War Service badge for securing subscription from ten families. He raised \$1,700 by himself. In addition, the rest of his troop secured over \$1500, and the 2nd troop about \$1000. The college troop was advised not to enter for various reasons, therefore did not do so. \$3,700 surely speaks well for the Ames Scouts and we are proud of them.

## WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!

Extemporaneous speaking has wonderful opportunity. The competition is not great, according to a letter received from headquarters, and we stand an excellent chance to secure the stat title. There will be a home contest, district and finally the state contest at Iowa City. The winner receives a four year scholarship at Iowa University and a medal. Miss Williams has charge of the work, and will gladly give particulars concerning it. The contestant prepares on fifteen subjects for an eight minute talk on each. The subjects are George Washington, Japan, Conservation of National Resources, Submarine, Latin-America, Honor System, Russia Red Cross, Aeroplane, Abraham Lincoln, Military Conscription, Motion pictures, Belgium and one of the speaker's choice.

Only two have signed up so far: Muriel Mackie and Harry Stewart, and others should sign up at once, especially the girls and the boys who are not in athletics. Come out and win honors for A. H. S.

## Only Six Debaters Turn Out.

Miss Stewart will be forced to draft debaters unless more answer the call within the next few weeks. So far only two girls and four boys have handed in their names. This year there should be more girls than boys because the out-standing boys have answered the call and there are more girls than boys anyway. A girl really has an advantage in high school debating, for the judges always make allowance for the supposed superiority of the boys, and older men generally favor girls who have energy. From the way the girls run such things as class meetings, organize Y. W. and get the highest marks in their studies one would think they believed in Woman's Rights, but they seem to want to depend on "a woman's intuition" rather than on argument to decide the big questions.

Those working on the question: Resolved, That the Government should own and operate the steam railways, are, Leslie Gray, Anna Lindauer, Alfred Carleton, Muriel Mackie, Barclay Noble, Victor Beach.

Only enough people have shown an interest in debating to fill the two teams, two more are needed as alternates. There should be enough live high school students here to make competition interesting. Come out! There is a place waiting for you! Get an early start! (Remember the saying about the bird and the worm.)

## SOPHS 53; PREPS 0.

A regular track meet was staged when Sophs met Preps last Thursday evening on a muddy field. The majority of Sophs' gains were made around end by Elliott, Bennett and Scovel except when Joe Marconis shattered the Prep's line with his hundred and eighty pounds.

Meredith was probably the individual star, because of his ability to tackle and run with the ball. This was the Preps' main defense throughout the game.

## SENIORS 13—JUNIORS 0

The Seniors trimmed the Juniors amid a flurry of snow by two touchdowns, one made by Tom Musson, who carried the ball thirty yards after intercepting a pass and the other on straight football. The Senior backs made consistent gains around the ends and Innes gained ground by smashing also. The Juniors were forced to resort to a passing game, completing several in spite of numb fingers. A pass from Potter to Howell placed them within twenty yards of goal once.

## JUNIORS 19—PREPS 3

In the first half of the game, the Freshmen, although they had four or five men on the line who weighed less than a hundred, completely outfought the heavy Juniors and were able to gain consistently on Griffith's line plunges. The Preps were forced to be content with a drop kick by O'Brien. Thompson played the best defensive game, O'Brien played a good game except for occasional little dirty tricks and Norton starred at receiving passes.

With Cupps and Ross smashing the line, the Juniors were able to make three touchdowns in the second half. The feature of the game was the forty yard run of Cupps through the Prep team for a touchdown.

**The Bi-Weekly News Issue of  
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AMES HIGH SCHOOL**

As we all know too well Ames is not represented by an athletic team, but we must not let this keep us off the inter-high-school map. If things were as they should be, we would stand a chance of winning honors in public speaking, but you cannot have winning teams without competition.

Grls, why aren't you showing your pep by turning out for debating, extemporaneous speaking, and declamation? It is your only chance to represent your High School. Are you content to merely cheer others? There are so many out-standing girls in this school who ought to be loyal enough to their school as well as to themselves to make these activities successful. More boys should be out because this is also their only chance to represent the school at present. Everybody is eligible and ability to speak before a crowd comes only with practice.

You will develop more quickly if you work on debating and extemporaneous speaking than you will if you earn a grade of ninety-eight in all your subjects; for you will soon acquire poise and be natura before a crowd; you will be developing into a forceful speaker able to use the proper emphasis and appropriate gestures; you will, in time, be able to think rapidly, clearly and easily under the most trying conditions; and you will honor your school and classmates more if you really make some sacrifice for them. Of course, you must not expect to develop too rapidly, but you can be sure you are on the right road.

If you come out, your friends will come out because they like to follow you, and your enemies will come out because they will be jealous.

We have been told many times that we must prepare to become the leaders of the public, yet ability to lead comes only with the ability to sway others and express exactly and forcefully our stand on a subject, and this ability comes only with constant practice.

The boys who enlisted are giving their all for the future of our country, surely, we must at least make an effort in the right path. Please line up with the boosters. Be Patriotic for America and A. H. S.

Dear Tom: I believe I would rather face the Germans than attempt to write a letter, but as I have started I will try to give you an idea of

our camp life. When we first arrived at Camp Mills our schedule called for seven hours drill each day but now that we have proven ourselves capable of handling the Germans they are letting us off with four hours drill in the morning and forty-five minutes school in the afternoon.

First call is now sounded at 6 o'clock and roll is called at 6:15. Mess (breakfast) is served at 6:30. Our morning meal generally consists of oatmeal, bacon, bread and coffee. At 8 o'clock we start for the drill grounds which is about a thirty minute hike. About three hours is spent in close order and extended drill, setting up exercises and last but not least the bayonet exercises. When we get back to camp it is 12 o'clock and mail is called. This is when we all gather around close and when we do not get any mail from home we find some one who did and get the home news from him.

Mess (dinner) which is composed of meat, potatoes, beans, corn, bread and some kind of fruit, is served at 12:30 and we have until 1:30 to eat. About forty-five minutes is taken up with first aid school and then we have until 4:30 to ourselves. At 4:30 we stand retreat, no doubt you know all about retreat so I will not attempt to tell you.

Mess (supper) is served at 5 o'clock. Our evening meal generally consists of corn, potatoes, beans, bread and coffee and after we have eaten this we can do as we please until 9:30. Call to quarters is sounded at 9:30 and taps at 9:45.

I remain,  
"H" Harold S. Loughran.

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**PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!**

The next contest for the literary issue of Dec. 19, will be between two classes. The Freshmen and Sophomores will write Xmas stories, the Juniors and Seniors, editorials. The subject may be one of interest to the writer and we ought to get some splendid material in stories from the Freshmen and Sophomores, judging from the good ones submitted last time. The Juniors and Seniors have a chance for a little student opinion work here and should seize this opportunity to express their opinion and at the same time have a chance for the prize.

To the winner of both contests an appropriate pennant will be given during the Christmas program. It will be the same style as the one awarded Muriel Mackie. That pennant will be shown in assembly today. Extra English credit is also given.

All material for this contest should be written in ink on one side of the paper and handed to Romana Reins by Dec. 12. Let us all get busy.

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## NEWS.

Letha Fish spent the week end at Madrid.

Hazel Richter was hostess at a Hallowe'en party given at her home October 30.

Lucille Lang spent Sunday in Des Moines.

Grace Vickery was a Des Moines visitor Sunday.

Marian Smith entertained about twenty of her friends at a Hallowe'en party, at her home, Friday night.

We advise all telephone poles anywhere near a road to beware of Fords when Mable is driving. (Especially, if it is after a dance.)

Did anyone besides Miss Sprague and Miss Fickel meet a white elephant with dirty paws Sunday morning about nine o'clock?

Only eleven girls out of the whole High School went to the Red Cross rooms last Saturday. They urge the rest of you to come this week.

Elanche Bentley '17 visited high school last Wednesday.

Mr. Steffey talks on "H. S. Citizenship" today at assembly.

Sh-h! there will be no school Friday afternoon.

"Bob" Thompson is going to pick out a team to play the victorious Sophs, and he promises a game worth seeing. It will be played in about two weeks.

Hariett Schleiter was a Boone visitor last Saturday.

Saturday evening, October 20, Florence Godard entertained a few friends at her home.

A bunch of Junior girls motored to Nevada a week ago last Sunday.

Miss Coskery spent Saturday at her home in Des Moines.

Helen and Hazel Nesbit will attend a Hallowe'en party in Nevada tonight.

The Freshman Literary Program was held Friday, Oct. 26. There were many interesting speeches, several musical numbers, and two humorous readings. The meeting was carried on in Parliamentary order.

The first Freshman party, Friday, Oct. 26, was greatly enjoyed by all who were present. There were many original and striking masquerades. The Gym was very appropriately decorated, carrying out the Hallowe'en scheme. Mr. Steffey gave a very inspiring speech. A "pep" meeting concluded the evening's entertainment.

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### SOPHOMORES TRIM SENIORS

The cold blasts from the north numbed the fingers of the players and caused a great many fumbles. The ball see-sawed back and forth until near the end of the first quarter when Elliott got away for a touchdown.

The second quarter started with the Sophomores in the possession of the ball with twenty yards of the Senior's goal. After a number of successful line plunges, Scovel smashed over for the final touchdown, and Scovel kicked goal. Score 13 to 0 in favor of the Sophomores.

The last half the Seniors played the Sophs. on even terms. The Seniors were once within ten yards of their opponents goal but lost the ball on downs.

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I suppose you often wonder what Army life is like and how our time is spent. I am going to tell you a little about it in this letter. Our camp is nicely situated in a narrow valley which slopes gradually to the greatest body of water in the world, the Pacific Ocean. The surrounding hills are, considering their distance from the sea, very high, rising rapidly to the altitude of one thousand feet in one mile. From the top of these hills a wonderful view of the sea may be had.

For amusement, books, magazines, pool tables, bowling alleys, baseball and basket ball are among the leaders. The club women of San Francisco are giving a series of entertainments for the enlisted men. The Y. M. C. A. is also on the job with speakers, singers, and story tellers almost every week. This is a great treat for the boys, but many of them would rather hear that "other" Girl sing.

Army life is affording many experiences, but it is one that we hope will never become necessary again for many years. Just one thing we want you to remember—Uncle Sam is going to make a touchdown on the Kaiser. I am going to close with best wishes for the Students of the Ames High School.

Truly yours,  
Corporal Gifford C. Terry

"What is the difference between lightening and electricity?"

"You don't have to pay anything for lightning."

"Dad, isn't this roast beef?" asked the small boy.

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### Wanted! A Few Real Patriots!

By forcing sales we have been able to sell two-hundred copies of the News sheet, so we ordered only two-hundred and fifty copies of the more expensive Literary edition instead of our usual three hundred. We deeply regret this mistake, especially because of the interest shown by the students who bought the entire edition in a few minutes. We immediately asked that students who had read their papers should turn them in so we would be able to send each of the soldiers a copy, and only four copies came in. That the boys appreciate the paper is shown by their letters, and you ought to help us keep them supplied. At first we thought of raising money by a benefit or subscription to cover the cost of sending the Spirit, but the hearty backing of Ames business men in advertising at good rates made this unnecessary. We intend to ask you to help us only once. Are you going to disappoint us and the boys?

We are glad to announce that the Spirit bought a fifty dollar Liberty Bond. This is to be used as a sinking fund for the future success of the Spirit if everything keeps up, or be transferred to the athletic fund to pay the Spirit's fifty dollar debt. We receive from subscriptions and sale of copies only about two-thirds as much as the business men contribute, so the success or failure of the Spirit depends upon them. Pay your just debts by trading with these men who are constructively interested in A. H. S.

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